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TO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS

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DEPT PLEASE PASS ALL EA DIPLOMATIC POSTS

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: EA ECONOMIC OFFICERS MEETING/APCAC CONFERENCE

REF: A) SINGAPORE 229 (NOTAL) B) STATE 11749 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED PRELIMINARY TRAVEL PLANS FROM SEVERAL EA POSTS. GIVEN THE SHORTAGE OF HOTEL SPACE IN SINGAPORE DURING CONFERENCE PERIOD, WE REQUEST ALL EA POSTS TO PROVIDE EMBASSY SINGAPORE WITH FOLLOWING INFO ASAP: NAME, ARRIVAL DATE, WHETHER ATTENDING APCAC MEETING, HOTEL PREFERENCE IF ANY, WHETHER ACCOMPANIED BY SPOUSE AND DEPARTURE DATE. APPRECIATE RECONFIRMATION FRO POSTS WHICH HAVE PREVIOUSLY RESPONDED.

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2. HOTELS: OFFICERS EXPRESSING NO PREFERENCE WILL BE HOUSED AT MANDARIN HOTEL, NEAR THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETING CENTER. ANOTHER CHOICE IS PHOENIX, ALSO NEAR IMC AND SOMEWHAT LESS EXPENSIVE THAN MANDARIN. SHANGRI-LA SITE OF APCAC MEETING, IS 15-20 MINUTE WALK FROM IMC OR US40-CENT TAXI RIDE. ALMOST ALL ORCHARD ROAD HOTELS ARE FULLY BOOKED. PER DIEM RATE IS \$50;

SINGLE ROOM AT MANDARIN IS ABOUT \$30.

3. TRANSPORTATION: ARRIVALS FROM OTHER EMBASSIES WILL NOT RPT NOT BE MET AT AIRPORT; TAXIS ARE PLENTIFUL AND AIRPORT-HOTEL TRANSFER COSTS ABOUT \$2. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO MEET ARRIVING GROUP FROM WASHINGTON, VEHICLE AND MANPOWER AVAILABILITY PERMITTING.

4. ACCOMMODATION EXCHANGE: EMBASSY USES DAILY BANK RATE FOR CONVERSION. VERY LIMITED CHECK-CASHING FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE; SUGGEST USE OF TRAVELLERS' CHECKS, IF AVAILABLE AT YOUR POST. ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ARE GENERALLY ACCEPTED BY HOTELS, RESTAURANTS AND LARGER STORES. EMBASSY OFFICERS AND WASHINGTON OFFICIAL VISITORS ATTENDING APCAC MEETING WILL NOT BE CHARGED REGISTRATION FEE BUT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MEALS.

5. PRIME MINISTER LEE'S SPEECH HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, FEB. 25, AT 2030 VICE FEB 26 (REF B).

6. FOR STEBBINS: APPRECIATE E/C CONFERENCE AGENDA ASAP. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR IDEAS ON HOW JOINT SESSION WITH APCAC SHOULD BE STRUCTURED. ONLY NAMES THAT OCCUR TO US FOR LUNCHEON SPEAKER ARE ANTHONY ROWLEY OF FAR EAST ECONOMIC REVIEW AND UNCLASSIFIED

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LOCAL REP SIMS OF BANK OF AMERICA. WE ARE NOT SURE THAT THEY CAN PROVIDE KIND OF BROAD OVERVIEW ON ASIA YOU HAVE IN MIND. XEROXING AND AMERICAN SECRETARIAL SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE. PLEASE CABLE FIRM LIST OF WASHINGTON CONTINGENT AND ARRIVAL THMES WHEN AVAILABLE. HOLDRIDGE UNQUOTE VANCE

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